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REMARKS

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25X1 on 26 September 1952, a train consisting of an undetermined
25X1 number of flatcars carrying armored scout cars, motor vehicles, 2 tank
trucks and 6 motorcycles, and 13 boxcars with personnel passed through Sten-
dall toward Gardelogen. This train was followed by another train consisting
of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying AA guns, 3 tank trucks and
3 boxcars, at 11:45 a.m. Five military trains carrying medium and heavy
tanks, AA guns, motor vehicles and motorcycles and an undetermined number of
personnel went toward Gardelogen or Wittenberge during the night of 26 Sep-
tember. on 29 September, an 80-axle train consisting of an undeter-
mined number of flatcars carrying pontoons and motor vehicles and 7 boxcars
with personnel went toward Gardelogen. on 1 October,
25X1 three military trains consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars carry-
ing AA guns, tanks and motor vehicles and an undetermined number of boxcars with
25X1 personnel proceeded toward Gardelogen or Wittenberge. On 1 October, the Tauben-
25X1 zien Kaserne was occupied by about 200 soldiers. They were transferred for
25X1 shipment to an unknown destination.
25X1 On 1 October, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by only a light
rear detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
25X1 On 1 October, the ration supply depot was occupied by a
guard detail wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Female personnel were
25X1 transferred to the ration supply depot from the hospital.
25X1 During the night of
1 October, Soviet officers in Stendal requisitioned four locomotives which were
taken from four regular passenger trains. The Seehausen (L 53/Y 78) railroad
station was allegedly jammed by military trains during the period from 28 Sep-
tember to 2 October, thus making it impossible to unload urgently needed coal.

25X1 Comment. It is believed that the movements were made by units of the
Third Shock Army which participated in the fall maneuvers of the army in the
25X1 area of Letzling Heath and Rathenow and in the area north of this troop
25X1 training grounds during the period from 23 September to about 2 October.
25X1 Because of the branch line west of Stendal,
unable to determine the direction of the shipments. However, it is believed
25X1 units which either arrived or returned to their posts during
the period from 26 September to 1 October. There is a possibility that the train

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which went toward Gardelogen on 29 September, carried units of the 890th
Indep Bn r Bn of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps which returned to their post
in Gardelogen and other units. Observations in Stendal tend to indicate
that the bulk of the 207th Itz Rifle Div was also involved in the maneuvers.

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